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Obama camp slams Republicans on Hispanics

President Barack Obama's re-election campaign yesterday charged that top Republican White House hopefuls Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich had alienated Latino voters with "extreme rhetoric" on immigration.

In a memo sent to journalists, the campaign said Romney and Gingrich "may very well have already sealed the political fate of their party with the Hispanic electorate -- the fastest growing voting bloc in the country."

"Their extreme rhetoric on immigration during the televised debates has rejected our history as a nation of immigrants and alienated millions of Hispanic voters nationally," said "Obama for America" pollster Sergio Bendixen and Director of Hispanic

Press Gabriela Demonzain.

The Democratic assault on Romney and Gingrich came one day before Florida's nominating primary, a key battle in the war for the Republican nomination to take on Obama in the November elections.

Roughly 22.5 percent of the population in Florida, a critical battleground, is of Hispanic origin, as is 16.3 percent for the United States as a whole, and Obama enjoys a robust lead over his potential rivals nationwide among the group.

He would beat Romney 67-25 percent and Gingrich 70-22 percent in a hypothetical match-up today among Hispanics, according to a public opinion poll by Univision/Latino Decisions.

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Tumba King for the second consecutive year:
Chendell Beaumont and Rincon Boyz do it again!



Chendell Beaumont

Carnival 58 witnessed a spectacular Tumba Festival on Saturday evening, January 28, as 13 bands performed alongside 23 vocalists presenting the same number of entries for the favorite Tumba song of 2012.

Taking the title of Tumba King again with the song "Den Historia" was last year's winner, Chendell Beaumont, accompanied by Rincon Boyz.

2nd place winner was Jeffrey Kelly with "Chuchubi ta Canta" accompanied by Robert Maduro and his Solo Banda. 3rd Place went to Richard "Tatoo" Quant and the Zeta Band with "Basha pa mi Bai" and

4th and 5th place was won by Chicho Kock and Jerrino Ridderstap performing "Mi cartera ta Fluit" and the song "Papiamento," both accompanied by D'Licious Band. Richard Quant was named Most Consistent Performer, Roderick Franken was named

most popular and Rincon Boyz won the title of Most Consistent Band.

Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber pleasantly surprised the community by being one of the performers along with the band Upgrade Music, and won the "Tumba Loco" category. The king was crowned at 1:45 A.M. in a fitting end to an exhilarating evening at the Aruba Entertainment Center, which utterly embodied the spirit and energy of Carnival. This year's festival was dedicated to Federico Martes and Richard Quant, with a welcome warm up performance by veteran Ike Je serum and the Zeta Band.

by Rosalie Klein

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RAFA-PANA is the network of physical activities of the Americas. The main objective of this organization is the promotion of physical activity among the countries in the Americas. This objective they believe can only be achieved through the creation of a network between public and private entities.

The Ministry of Public Health and Sports has begun the process of creating a network of physical activities on Aruba. In order to accomplish this they are requesting all public and private organiza-

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Airport PR confirms increase of 5.4% of passengers for 2011

The Aruba Airport and the government are extremely pleased with the results of 2011 with respect to passenger arrivals to our Queen Beatrix International Airport and for the increase in airline traffic and new airlines that have been added.

Spokesman for the Aruba Airport Authority, Hendrik Croes, reported that the increase was a whopping 5.4%. He indicated that the smooth handling of the flow of arrivals was the result of the combined efforts of every section and department of the airport, namely, Immigration, Customs, and others. Croes also cited the airlines operating in the airport for their contribution to this success.

The airport's spokesman indicated that the 5.4% visitor increase can be attributed not only to the regular flights, but especially to the number of aircrafts visiting the island. There was an increase of 0.9% in the number of aircrafts that visited the island. This number included many private aircrafts...private flights have increased considerably, according to Hendrik Croes.

Management of the Airport and the government, who foresaw the increase in private aircrafts for the future, approved the creation of special installations for private flights. Currently, two new hangers are under construction on the southside of the Airport. The expansion of this facility is necessary in view of the rapid growth of this section of our airport. The growth encompasses not only the regular commercial flights but also the increase in charter flights coming to the island.

Last December the airport had announced the addition of several new flights. There were also airlines that had announced the addition of flights, while others began flying with



bigger aircrafts to handle the increase in passengers.

Thus, the charter section as well as the commercial flights registered a sizeable increase in 2011. The Department of Marketing of the AAA, ATA and AHATA have worked very diligently which efforts produced the results we have seen in 2011. According to Croes, it

is this working together of all our partners is what is producing the kind of fruit we are experiencing in Aruba's tourism today. Hendrik Croes concluded his remarks saying...it is important too, to observe that everyone is working together with a unified view on the quality of our tourism product.

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Agreement signed for re-financing of Arubus



Signing for Arubus Glenn Marugg and Managing Director Theo Croes

Yesterday morning, January 30, Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, hosted the signing of

an agreement between Aruba's public mass transport provider, Arubus, and the Aruba Investment Bank,

AIB, for a loan of 5.5 million Aruban florins, at a very reasonable rate.

This action will finance the purchase of 15 new buses the refinancing and resolution of accumulated debt from the past six years, during which time, Arubus officers confirmed, the company has been operating at a deficit.

Reasons cited were increasing personnel costs and volatile gas prices, with the necessity of keeping bus fares at an affordable rate for the demographic that relies on public transport. Changes in the operation of the company will include more efficient systems as well as downsizing; some employees



Gerald Croes, Frendsel Giel of AIB, Minister Oduber abd, Theo Croes of Arubus

have already voluntarily agreed to retire.

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SETAR Cable Services and MovieCity announces changes in channel names



SEROE BLANCO -- SETAR N.V. together with MovieCity announces to all its Digital Cable customers with a MovieCity package or who are interested in applying for a package that in the month of February, that there will be changes in the names of 8 Standard Definition

and High Definition channels. The names are the following:

- 220. MovieCity East: MovieCity Premieres East
- 221. MovieCity West: MovieCity Premieres West
- 222. CityMix East: MovieCity Hollywood East
- 223. CityStars: MovieCity Classics
- 224. CityFamily East: MovieFamily East

• 225. CityFamily West: MovieFamily West

• 226. CityVibe East: MovieCity Action East

• 227. CityVibe West: MovieCity Action West

• 330. MovieCity HD: MovieCity Premieres HD

The changes are to give customers a better look of the contents of each channel; the programming will stay the

same, but with these changes customer access the channels will be much easier and faster.

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Solution for Valero Aruba Refinery high on Government's Agenda



Last Friday the Minister of Finance and Energy, Mike de Meza, met with the permanent commission of Parliament on Finance and Energy to provide them a detailed explanation of the global, regional and local energy situation. Present at this meeting were the presidents of the various commissions, namely: Parliamentarian Juan

David Yrausquin and Andin Bikker and members Alex Tromp, Xiomara Ruiz-Maduro, Mervin Wyatt-Ras and Donny Rasmijn.

The Minister informed the Parliamentarians about the precarious situation of the Valero Aruba Refinery. He shared what the Valero Refinery and the government are doing to

avoid a closure of the refinery with its dire consequences for Aruba. A closure of the refinery would have a quantum effect on our economy, hence the reason for having Valero on the top of the government's list of priorities.

Later the Minister also met with representatives of the Union in Valero, the IOWA. Reportedly, they understand and share the concern the government has regarding Valero because of the many people working with the refinery. IOWA understands the government's position with respect to Valero. They thanked the Minister for the information received and for involving them in the discussions; they offered their help in whatever way possible. The government is continuing to do everything possible to find a solution for the situation of the Valero Aruba Refinery.

Progressive Bingo has a new Winner at Palm Beach Casino at the Westin Resort!



Last Sunday at the Palm Beach Casino Mrs. B.T. won a total amount of the Progressive Bingo Awg 41,571.47. Mrs. B.T. is a regular visitor at Palm Beach Casino and she was very happy to win the Progressive Bingo. The Bingo at Palm Beach Casino is every Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 1:00 pm. Mrs. B.T. prefers to keep her identity private.

Frederique Pon visits Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs



Last week, Mrs. Frederique Pon, daughter of the legendary Mijndert Pon paid a courtesy visit to the Prime Minister of Aruba and to the Minister of Economic and Social Affairs. Mr. Pon is wellknown for his "Pon" auto industry and for his world renown Volkswagen, Porsch, Audi, Skoda automobiles. Pon is also owner of a monument and restaurant in Holland as well as proprietor of the Salentein winery in Mendoza, Argentina from where he exports more than 1 million bottles of wine to the world every year.

Frederique Pon has been to Aruba before, but during her recent travels through the city center she noticed the work in progress in the mainstreet and the many changes since her

previous visit.

Because of her interest in the future development of Aruba, she decided to make contact with two ministers for information on the developments. The two ministers, Mike Eman and Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer provided Pon with extensive information regarding the plans and developments on Aruba. Reportedly, Mrs. Pon's visit and enthusiasm regarding Aruba's plans will certainly stimulate investment on Aruba from other investors.

Frederique Pon remarked to Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer that..."Aruba to me is not an island, but a country in development and I'm proud for the opportunity to lend a hand in it."

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The Netherlands asked to organise third nuclear security summit

The Netherlands could be hosting the third – and for the time being last – summit on nuclear security in 2014.

In a letter to parliament Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal says a decision will be taken by government leaders at a second summit in South Korea at the end of March. Mr Rosenthal writes that the Dutch government has reacted positively to the request from the current chair South Korea to host the next summit.

The delegates will discuss measures to reduce the threat of nuclear terrorism and crack down on the illegal trade in nuclear materials. "Nuclear terrorism is one of the greatest and most acute threats to global security," writes Mr Rosenthal.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte will lead the Dutch delegation to the summit in Seoul. The first nuclear security summit was held in 2010 after US President Barack Obama initiated the idea

Up to 500,000 could flee Sudan fighting to S.Sudan

JUBA (AFP) - Up to half a million starving refugees could flee violence in Sudan within months, sparking a massive food crisis in newly independent South Sudan, the UN's World Food Program (WFP) has warned.

WFP's Deputy Executive Director Ramiro Lopes da Silva said relief agencies were preparing for the worst, with Sudan's government in Khartoum blocking emergency aid into border regions where it is

battling rebel forces.

"The numbers being used for planning purposes in the context of a worst case scenario, we are speaking of somewhere between 300-500,000 people" set to flee to South Sudan, Da Silva said. "In a couple of months we are in what is typically the hunger season, both in Sudan and South Sudan, and obviously the impact on those populations is potentially very serious."

South Sudan -- which de-

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As of July 1, new buses from International, a U.S. Company, will go into services featuring a new Smart Card System, which will precipitate a new tariff. Commuters and others frequently deploying the bus system can purchase a Smart Card at Arubus headquarters in Wayaca for 7.50 Aruban florins. These cards can be recharged at any number of stations that will be set up at various outlets, similar to those that now contain vending machines for phone cards.

Buses will still take cash for the occasional user. Fares will rise as of July 1 from 2.25 Aruban florins per ride to 4.00 Aruban florins and there will no longer be round trip tickets sold at a discount.

The Aruban government subsidizes the island's mass transit system, but even with that, rising operating costs and a staff of over 100 employees with contracted cost of living pay increases still had the company operating at a deficit; the price of fuel is a mitigating factor in the increased tariff.

Signing the Loan Agreement, which was facilitated by the offices of the Minister of Transport, were Frendsel Giel, Director of AIB and Gerald Croes, Chief Executive Corporate Loan Officer, and on behalf of Arubus, Managing Director Theo Croes and Glenn Marugg.

by Rosalie Klein

clared independence from former civil war enemies in north Sudan in July -- is already reeling from multiple crises, including ethnic clashes, rebel attacks and some 3 million people needing food aid.

Over 80,000 refugees have already fled Sudan's civil war regions of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile since last June, where Khartoum is battling rebel forces formerly allied to the now independent South Sudanese army.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Occupy DC defies ban, hoists 'tent of dreams'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Occupy DC protesters defied a threatened police clampdown on their tent colony yesterday by pitching a massive "tent of dreams" in the park near the White House they took over four months ago.

With several hundred cheering supporters looking on, but no police in sight, they hoisted a deep-blue tarpaulin over an equestrian statue of Civil War general James McPherson in the downtown Washington square that bears his name.

Under the tarp, and surrounding the granite base of the statue, were about 18 smaller tents and pet igloos, as well as sleeping bags, signaling Occupy DC's intention to stay put and defy the National



Park Service camping ban.

"This is what democracy looks like!" the festive crowd chanted, as they took turns denouncing income inequality, bank bailouts, corporate influence on politics, student debt

and war.

On the edge of the tarpaulin painted with dreamy crescent moons and shooting stars, a theme-setting poster read: "Let us sleep so we can dream."

Brazil earmarks \$500,000 to help resettle Haitians

BRASILIA (AFP) - The Brazilian government has allocated more than \$500,000 in fresh aid for the more than 4,000 Haitian immigrants who are being granted permanent residence visas, an official announcement said yesterday.

The official Agencia Brasil said \$517,000 dollars would go to the northern states of Acre and Amazonas which border Peru and which have seen an influx of undocu-

vastating earthquake in their homeland two years ago.

Some 15 percent of Haiti's entire population of almost 10 million were either killed or displaced by the January 12, 2010 quake, one of the worst natural disasters of modern times.

Most of the Haitians have crossed into Brazil over the past few weeks in precarious health conditions and in search of work, forcing authorities to

set in motion special measures to assist them.

On January 10, the government of President Dilma Rousseff, who is scheduled to visit Port-au-Prince tomorrow, granted residence visas to the 4,000 undocumented Haitians immigrants already in the country, while vowing to crack down on people-smuggling from the desperately poor Caribbean nation.

Authorities also set a limit of 1,200 five-year work visas annually for the Haitians, in addition to visas granted for tourism, study or temporary work.

Haitian and Bolivian migrants have been flocking to Brazil, Latin America's dominant economy, lured by ongoing massive infrastructure projects linked to the country's hosting of the 2014 football World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics.



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Colombia rejects private funds to free hostages

BOGOTA (AFP) - The Colombian government refused yesterday to seek private funding to pay ransom for the release of five policemen and a soldier kidnapped by FARC guerrillas.

The ransom was suggested by a non-governmental organization to which the rebel group pledged to deliver the hostages.

FARC, whose name translates to Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, is a Marxist-Leninist revolutionary guerrilla group.

"Frankly, it is not necessary seek funding for anything," Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon told reporters. "If they tell us tomorrow where the hostages are, we could send military helicopters or any aircraft."

Pinzon was responding to former senator Piedad Cordoba, director of Colombians for Peace, who on Sunday called on business leaders to contribute the ransom money

Freeze kills dozens in eastern Europe

Freezing weather has killed dozens of people in central and eastern Europe over the past few days and temperatures are set to drop even further, authorities warned yesterday.

In Poland, police said 10 died over the weekend as temperatures plunged to minus 27 degrees Celsius (minus 16 Fahrenheit), raising the death toll from exposure to 46 since the start of the winter, which had been unusually mild up till now.

The Ukraine's health ministry said 18 people have died of hypothermia in the last four days. Most of them were homeless who froze to death in the streets or old people who died in their flats or after hospitalisation.

Police also reported that at least three people died of expo-

for the hostages.

She made the appeal after the Colombian government rejected the idea of using foreign military aircraft and crews to help in a rescue effort.

Pinzon said, "The important thing is that the government is always ready, with all its capacity, to bring these people safe and sound to their homes as soon as possible."

In late December, FARC agreed to deliver six of the hostages to Colombians for Peace from among a group of at least 11 police and soldiers they continue to hold.

"Let them go now, we'll come get them and use the security procedures that we lack," Pinzon said yesterday. "That is the will of the government."

The defense minister said representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross have studied the situation for several weeks.

sure over the weekend in the Baltic state of Lithuania.

In the Czech Republic, a 26-year-old man was found frozen to death on Saturday.

Forecasters have warned temperatures are likely to plunge to minus 30C in the country this week, after hitting minus 20C (minus 4F) in some places Sunday.

In Slovakia a 63-year-old man was found dead outside his house.

In Bulgaria, five died in snow storms last week, local media reported yesterday.

Four more people died over the past 24 hours in Romania, the health ministry said, raising the overall death toll to six.

An 81-year-old woman was found dead in her own home in Serbia, a news agency said yesterday.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Trafigura director can be prosecuted says Dutch court

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch court ruled yesterday that multinational oil trader Trafigura's French co-founder could be prosecuted for illegal export of toxic waste, later dumped in Ivory Coast after a stopover in the Netherlands.

"The Amsterdam Appeals Court decided today that Trafigura director Claude Dauphin can be prosecuted," the court said in a statement, adding "he is alleged to have led the... illegal export of waste by Trafigura."

The Amsterdam regional court decided in 2008 not to prosecute Dauphin -- who in 1993 founded the petrol tanker company and remains one of its directors.

Prosecutors appealed the court's decision but were turned down, resulting in another appeal being lodged and the Supreme Court referring the case to the Amsterdam Appeals Court, which reviewed the original decision.

On December 23 it upheld a million-euro fine against Trafigura for violating EU laws on the import and export of toxic waste on board the ship Probo Koala, which was prevented from offloading the residues for treatment in Amsterdam's port on July 2, 2006. The shipment was consequently redirected to Abidjan and dumped on public waste tips around the city.

Trafigura, which denies any link between the waste and subsequent deaths, reached out of court settlements for 33 million euros and 152 million euros in Britain and Ivory Coast that exempted it from legal proceedings.

But a United Nations report published in September 2009 found "strong" evidence blaming the waste for at least 15 deaths and several hospitalisations. The dumping caused 17 deaths and thousands of cases of poisoning, Ivorian judges said.

Salvage delay worries residents of Italy's shipwreck island

ROME (AFP) - Residents of the Italian island of Giglio yesterday voiced concern for their livelihoods after officials said it could take 10 months to remove the wreck of a cruise ship blighting the tourist hotspot.

The population on the Tuscan island swells from 800 to 5,000 in the summer months as tourists flock to swim, snorkel and dive in the crystal-clear waters, but islanders fear the beached ship and pollution risks may put off tourists.

"Take the ship away, for fuck's sake!" read a banner hung on a local hotel by residents, echoing a coast guard's frantic order to the captain of the Costa Concordia on the night of the disaster to get back onto the ship.

An audio recording of the heated telephone exchange between the coast guard and captain Francesco Schettino -- in which the former yells "get back on board, for fuck's sake!" -- has received more than 2.327 million YouTube hits.

Over 200 residents attended a meeting on the island yesterday to form a new civic committee to ask for assistance

ahead of the summer 2012 season.

A fuel leak from the Costa Concordia into one of Europe's biggest marine parks would not only be environmentally disastrous, it would deal a heavy blow to restaurants, bars and hotels which thrive on tourism, locals say.

Dolphin-spotting in the Tuscan archipelago's emerald waters has been replaced for now by day-trip tourists who come to photograph the vast luxury cruiser and the emergency crews swarming around the stricken vessel.

Technicians from the Dutch company Smit Salvage had planned to begin syphoning off the estimated 2,380 tons of fuel in the Costa Concordia's tanks over the weekend, but

the operation was called off after the sea turned rough.

Italian navy frogmen meanwhile set off explosive charges to open more holes in the side of the cruise liner yesterday to allow access to deck five, but bad weather meant divers were unable to search for bodies of victims.

The 114,500-ton ship ran aground on rocks with more than 4,200 people aboard on January 13 in a tragedy which left 32 people presumed dead.

A total of 17 bodies have been recovered -- of which 16 have so far been identified -- and 15 people remain missing.

The head of Italy's civil protection agency, Franco Gabrielli, assured relatives of "the moral imperative to return the bodies to their families."

Haiti judge seeks 'Baby Doc' embezzlement trial

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier should face trial for alleged embezzlement during his 15-year rule, the investigating judge said yesterday.

The judge, Jean Carves, told AFP that the former dictator, known as "Baby Doc," should not face charges for the time-being for allegations of crimes against humanity.

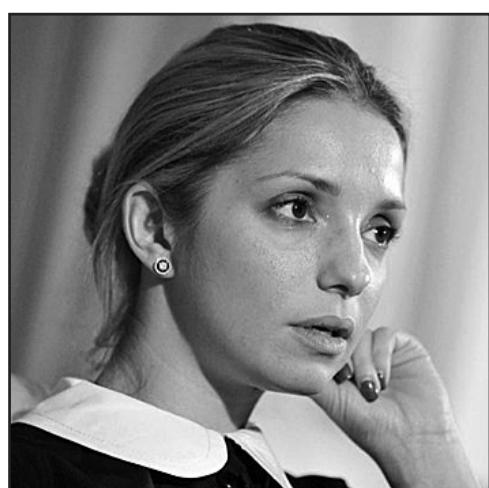
The ex-dictator, who returned to Haiti in 2011 after 25 years of exile in France, will

fight the corruption charges, his lawyer Frizto Canton said.

He said Duvalier "has already been judged three times" on these charges in France and Switzerland and cannot be re-tried for the same accusations.

Duvalier, 60, led a brutal dictatorship in the impoverished Caribbean nation from 1971 to 1986 before being driven out of office and the country. He is the son of Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, who ruled Haiti from 1957 until he died in 1971.

Daughter of Ukrainian ex-PM to speak to US Senate



The daughter of Ukraine's jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko said yesterday that she has been invited to address US senators as she campaigns to secure her mother's release.

"I will deliver a speech" to the Senate's Subcommittee on European Affairs, 31-year-old Yevgeniya Carr, Tymoshenko's only child, told AFP by phone ahead of her visit to Washington.

"Our side will have an opportunity to tell the truth of how political prisoners are treated in the Ukraine. We will spread as much as possible information about the way the country's authorities deal with their political opponents."

Senators are due to discuss the situation in the Ukraine on Wednesday.

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Health & Living

Drug firms sign up to new tropical disease fight

(AFP) - Key players in the pharmaceutical industry pledged on Monday to donate 14 billion drug treatments as part of a new, global push to eradicate tropical diseases.

Thirteen companies including Novartis and GlaxoSmithKline have committed to the programme being led



by the United States, Britain and United Arab Emirates governments, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank.

The drugs will target sufferers of so-called Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) such as leprosy and sleeping sickness which together affect 1.4 billion people, most of them among the world's poorest.

The initiative, which aims to eliminate or get under control 10 NTDs by 2020, will also see an estimated \$785 million (598 million euros) spent on research and development that could lead to new treatments, the Gates Founda-

tion said.

"With the boost to this momentum being made today, I am confident almost all of these diseases can be eliminated or controlled by the end of this decade," said World Health Organisation chief Margaret Chan in a statement.

The WTO had previously called for a boost in resources to fight tropical diseases.

GlaxoSmithKline chief executive Sir Andrew Witty said the battle needed a joint approach.

"No one company or organisation can do it alone," he said in a statement on behalf of the pharmaceutical companies involved.

"Today we pledge to work hand-in-hand to revolutionize the way we fight these diseases now and in the future."

As part of the push, Novartis said it would extend its donation of drugs to treat leprosy, expected to reach 850,000 patients.



Combat Dengue

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Doctors 'should check blood pressure on both arms'

(AFP) - Measuring blood pressure on both arms rather than only one can reveal an elevated risk of heart disease or even death, according to a study released Monday.

In a review of medical literature, researchers at the University of Exeter found that a difference in the so-called systolic blood pressure between arms can be a useful indicator of the likelihood of heart trouble.

People with high blood pressure -- also called hypertension -- have an increased risk of developing heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and dementia, previous research has shown.

High blood pressure is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as 140 over 90 millimetres of mercury or more. Mercury is used in blood-pressure gauges.

The first number measures maximum heart pressure (systolic), while the second measures pressure when the heart

is in a resting phase (diastolic).

Published in the British medical journal The Lancet, the findings suggest that both-arm blood pressure checks should become standard practice, the researchers said.

The probe reviewed 28 studies with data on the difference in systolic blood pressure between arms.

They concluded that a gap of 15mm of mercury or more was linked with an increased risk of the narrowing and hardening of the arteries that supply blood to the legs and feet.

It was also associated with pre-existing cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood supply to the brain and can contribute to dementia.

Above this threshold, death rates due to cardiovascular problems likewise went up.

Most such cases are "clinically silent" and double-arm checks would better identify those at risk, the study said.

Sci-Tech

UN panel says retool world economy for sustainability

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Japan studies flora and fauna near Fukushima plant

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese scientists are studying how radiation has affected plants and animals living near the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant, according to an official.

Researchers are examining field mice, red pine trees, a certain type of shellfish and other wild flora and fauna in and around the 20 kilometre (12 mile) no-go zone surrounding the plant, an Environment Ministry official said on Monday.

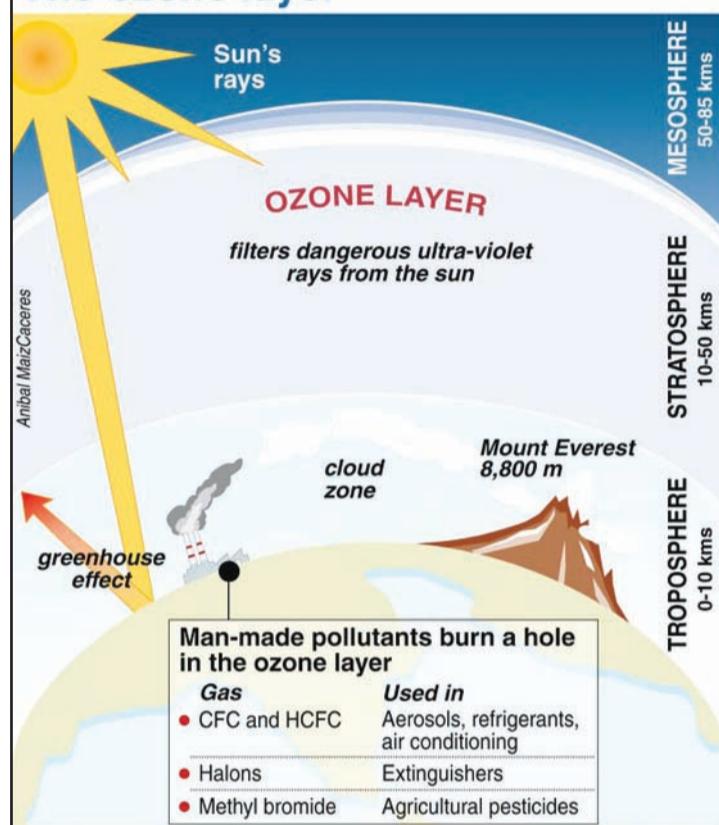
They will also grow seeds from plant samples and monitor the offspring of animals in the research.

The study began in November and an initial report on the findings is expected in March, he said.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, some 220 kilometres north of Tokyo, suffered blasts and fires after the March 11 quake and tsunami crippled its cooling systems, releasing radiation into the environment.

Parts of the exclusion zone are expected to be reclassified to allow people to move back to their homes over the next few years, but other areas are expected to be uninhabitable for several decades.

The ozone layer



(AFP) - The world can no longer afford to ignore the environmental cost of economic growth and must redefine the very concept of national wealth, a UN panel of heads of state and environment ministers said Monday.

The panel challenged leaders to recognise that "current global development is unsustainable."

"We need to chart a new, more sustainable course for the future, one that strengthens equality and economic growth while protecting our planet," UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said in Addis Ababa to mark the release of the panel's report, which outlines more than 50 policy recommendations.

By 2030, the report

warned, the planet will need at least 50 percent more food, 45 percent more energy and 30 percent more water.

These needs are emerging "at a time when environmental boundaries are throwing up new limits to supply," it said.

Continuing along the same path as today risks "irreversible damage to both ecosystems and human communities."

Entitled "Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing," the 100-page report seeks to shape in broad strokes the agenda for the Rio+20 summit this summer.

The June 20-22 event in Rio de Janeiro takes place 20 years after the landmark 1992

Earth Summit that set down the UN conventions for protecting biodiversity and tackling global warming.

Led by Finnish President Tarja Halonen and South African President Jacob Zuma, the 22-member panel said a new blueprint for growth and low-carbon prosperity must be "mainstreamed" into economic policy as quickly as possible.

Social and environmental costs must be factored into how the world prices and measures economic activity, and into a revised measure of wealth that goes beyond the narrow calculus of gross domestic product (GDP), it said.

The report called for:

- a new nexus between food, water and energy. "All three need to be fully integrated, not treated separately, if we are to deal with the global food security crisis";

- a stronger interface between science and policy. "We must define what scientists refer to as planetary boundaries" beyond which human activity could wreck the planet;

- reducing social exclusion and closing the widening gap of social inequality.

- European Union Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard, one of the report's authors, said it should be a "wake up" call for action.

- "Government support for fossil fuel industry is about seven times more than for renewable energy," she said in a statement.

- Hedegaard said the Rio+20 summit was an opportunity to "kick off this global transition towards a sustainable growth model for the 21st century."

Congolese inventor puts African tablet on sale

(AFP) - Africa has its first handheld tablet to rival the iPad and similar western inventions, which went on sale in the Republic of Congo on Monday, its inventor Verone Mankou said.

The tablet is called the Way-C - "the light of the stars" in a dialect of northern Congo. It measures 19 x 17 x 1.2 centimetres (7.4 x 6.7 x 0.5 inches) and weighs 380 grammes (13.4 ounces) and has integrated Wi-Fi circuitry and a 4.0 GB memory.

"In technological terms, this tablet is equivalent to all those to be found on the market," said Mankou, referring to the US giant Apple's iPad and its competitors.

The Way-C was conceived in Congo, where it was first presented to the public in September 2011, but it is assembled in China, "for the simple reason that Congo has no factories and for price reasons," Mankou added.

For the moment, the Way-C will be sold exclusively in

Airtel Congo stores in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, a private mobile telephone company which is a subsidiary of the Indian group Bharti.

The financing of the project, launched in 2006, cost more than 80 million CFA francs (almost 122,000 euros), essentially provided by VMK. The tablet is planned to be marketed in 10 west African countries, and in Belgium, France and India from February 15.

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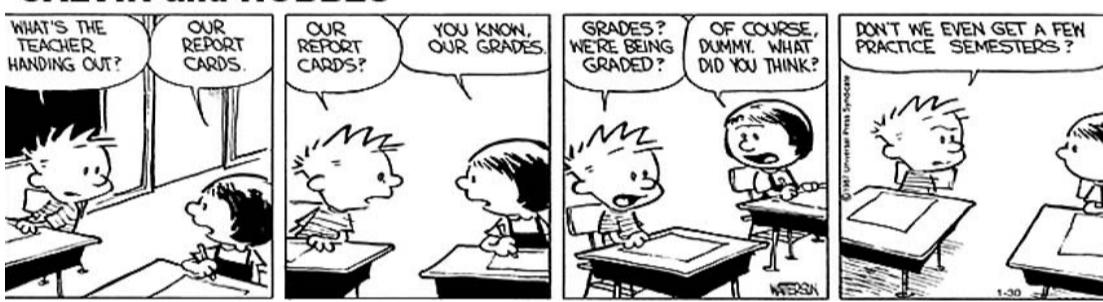
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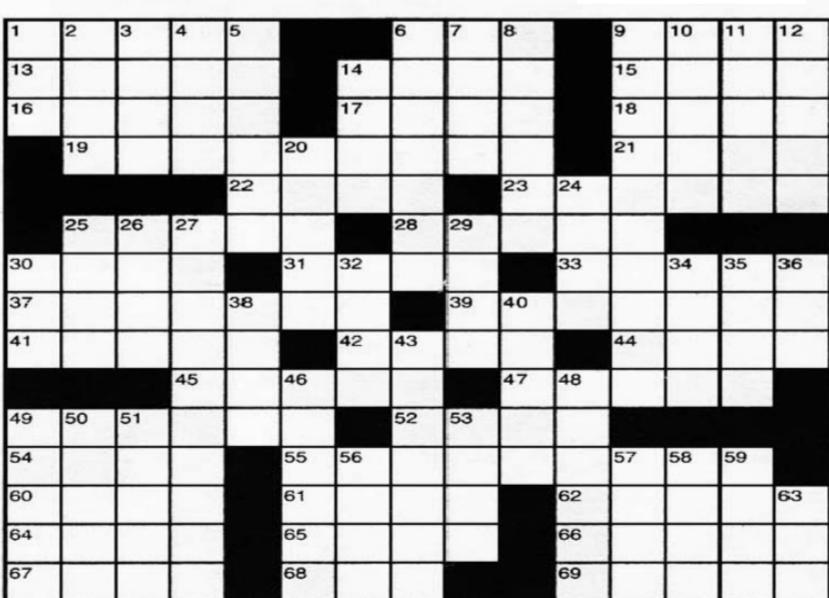
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23. Football position
25. Farmer, in the spring
28. Like a good dog
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33. Wanders
37. Artist
39. Marine's do
41. Middle Earth dweller
42. To shelter
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6. Song refrain
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9. Eleanor, to Teddy
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11. One: Ger.
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13. Gentle creature
14. Author Pamela ___ Barres
15. Growl menacingly
16. A to Z
17. A Hatfield, to a McCoy
18. Zip
19. Door-slammimg drama
20. Swiss river
21. Fly like an eagle
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23. Sailing vessel
24. A third of thrice
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37. Tipster
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Finance

Aruba money supply increases Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of November 2011

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of November 2011 that the money supply grew by Afl. 32 million to Afl. 3,242.6 million at the end of November 2011, resulting from an Afl. 45.2 million increase in net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) which was partially offset by an Afl. 13.2 million decline in the domestic component of the money supply. The shrinkage in net domestic assets was attributable to an Afl. 21.5 million decrease in net claims on the public sector. Furthermore, non-credit related balance sheet items and claims on the private sector expanded by, respectively, Afl. 6.9 million and Afl. 1.4 million (+0.1 percent), the latter mainly due to higher housing mortgages. Business loans, on the other hand, fell by Afl. 1.8 million (-0.2 percent).

Tax revenue for the month of November 2011 amounted to Afl. 81.2 million, a growth of Afl. 17 million (+26.5 percent), compared to the same month of the previous year. The most significant increases were registered in the categories profit tax (+Afl. 9.0 million), foreign exchange tax (+Afl. 3.5 million), and taxes on commodities (+Afl. 4.3 million), related chiefly to a rise in excises on gasoline (+Afl. 4.7 million).

The number of stay-over visitors reached 66,799 in November 2011, i.e., 5.6 percent (+3,557 visitors) more than November 2010. The year-to-date number of stay-over visitors grew by 5.7 percent compared to the same period (January - November) of 2010, largely due to 2,285 more visitors from Latin America (Venezuela and Argentina) and 521 more visitors from Europe (Italy and Scandinavia). Eventhough cruise

tourism posted 15,140 less passengers compared to November 2010, Aruba welcomed 43,441 more passengers in the period January - November 2011, compared to the same period last year.

The consumer price index (CPI) for November 2011 registered a 6.2 percent rise, compared to the same month of 2010. The main components that contributed to this acceleration were transport and food. When excluding the effects of the energy (which partly affect the housing and transport components) and food components, the CPI showed a 1.5 percent increase compared to November 2010. The rise in the core CPI can be attributed to a surge in the prices of transport, restaurant and hotels (catering services), and recreation & culture. The 12-month average inflation rate reached 3.8 percent in November 2011.

China exports broke trade rules: WTO appeal body

GENEVA (AFP) - The World Trade Organization yesterday upheld its ruling that Chinese restrictions on key raw material exports broke trade rules following an appeal by Beijing.

China must bring its duty and export quota measures on elements including magnesium and zinc into line with its WTO obligations, an appeal body said.

The WTO found in favour of the United States, European Union and Mexico in July following a complaint that China had failed to meet the promises it made when joining the body.

They argued that restrictions on the export of the materials, some of which cannot

be found outside China, pushed up prices on the foreign market and lowered costs for domestic producers.

In its defence Beijing said measures on some were justified to conserve its natural resources. Officials launched an appeal on August 31.

The dispute centers on bauxite, coking coal, fluorspar,

EU executive dangles money if national job plans match cash

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The EU executive yesterday dangled what it said was 82 billion euros of unclaimed funds from the bloc's budget that could be used to kick-start growth and job creation if matched by money at national level.

"There is quite a large sum of money still to be allocated under the structural funds -- 82 billion euros in total," European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso told leaders at an EU summit, according to a presentation placed online by staff.

Barroso told the leaders that "at least some of this money could be redirected into SME

magnesium, manganese, silicon metal, silicon carbide, yellow phosphorus and zinc -- many of them vital to the chemical and metal industries for producing things like medicines, fridges and juice cans.

Both the United States and the European Union claimed victory after the publication of the appeal body's report.

lending programs," referring to small- and medium-sized enterprises.

"The funds are there, use them," Barroso said after talks with Spanish premier Mariano Rajoy.

He said Spain could unlock 10.4 billion euros in this way, Italy 8.0 billion euros, Greece 4.3 billion euros and non-euro member Britain 1.4 billion euros. Powerhouse economy Germany could grab 5.8 billion euros.

But there is that catch -- local authorities would need to match such funding, which will not be easy to decide at a time of austerity budgets.



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France cuts 2012 growth forecast

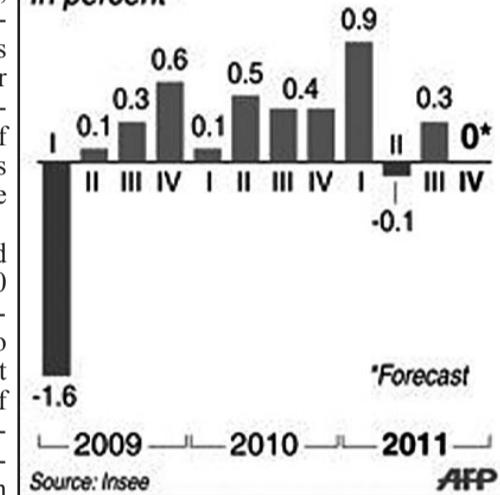
PARIS -- The French government yesterday halved its 2012 growth forecast, piling more pressure on Nicolas Sarkozy a day after the president unveiled a raft of measures he hopes will jumpstart the economy.

The downward revision from 1.0 percent to 0.5 percent was made to "take into account the deterioration of the economic situation," Prime Minister Francois Fillon told reporters.

But Fillon insisted that "growth will take off again in the eurozone and particularly in France before the end of the first half of the year" largely thanks to measures taken to fight the sovereign debt crisis.

The announcement came as European Union leaders met in Brussels for a summit mainly aimed at finalising a new pact to toughen budget discipline and finding ways to

France GDP Change on previous quarter In percent



Source: Insee

relaunch growth and create jobs as recession looms large over Europe.

Sarkozy is facing a presidential election in three months that he is tipped to lose to his Socialist rival Francois Hollande.

Sarkozy's supporters say he believes the reforms will show that, unlike Hollande, he is courageous enough to do the dirty work to save France from economic meltdown.

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Top chefs go back to basics



MADRID (AFP) - Wild herbs, leaves and even giant ants and tarantulas are in demand by the world's top chefs who are putting a renewed focus on traditional recipes and the use of locally sourced raw ingredients.

A number of leading chefs at last week's Madrid Fusion, an annual gastronomy fair, said they preferred to use primary products on their creations -- and are in some cases even gathering them themselves.

Swedish chef Magnus Ek said he gathers leaves, bark and wild herbs each morning from the grounds around his award-winning restaurant, Oaxen Skargardskrog, on the Swedish island of Oaxen, for use in his recipes.

His restaurant is part of a Scandinavian gastronomic revolution that defends the use of local cooking traditions. The movement is led by Dan-

ish chef Rene Redzepi, whose restaurant Noma in Copenhagen is currently regarded by food critics as the world's best.

The raw materials used at Noma are all local -- either foraged from the sea, the shore or the forest -- or grown by organic producers. Redzepi refuses to use air transport to subvert the natural rhythm of the seasons.

Biodiversity offers cooks unlimited possibilities, said Venezuelan chef Nelson Mendez, adding that he had discovered in the foods eaten by Amazon Indians a "large pantry" of flavours little known by the "white man".

Mendez gave up preparing French cuisine at luxury hotel restaurants in Caracas a decade ago to move to Puerto Ayacucho in the Venezuelan Amazon.

From the town he supplies himself with the products that are gathered and grown by

three local indigenous communities -- the Piaroa, the Yanomami and the Bare.

"In their cuisine they use jungle insects, palm worms, tarantulas and vachacos, which are giant ants," said Mendez who is a Bare.

He acknowledges that the use of these ingredients "can be a cultural shock for a Westerner" so he tries to combine these "atypical products" with classic recipes.

The indigenous tribes of the Amazon eat giant tarantulas that are roasted. Mendez, however, transforms them into an encrusted croquette that is served with a spicy guava sauce.

Palm worms are transformed into a mousse that is baked, wrapped in a puff pastry made with cassava flour.

"There are a variety of fruits and animal species in the Amazon that are not very well known," said Mendez, who advocates for the need to develop sustainable cuisine with a smaller environmental impact.

"We are not going to plunder this pantry, I would say it does not have one Michelin star but ten."

Ek is confident that "regional cuisines" are poised for a huge comeback.

"People are very proud of the dishes which have been prepared for generations. Of course they want to reform it but also preserve its roots," he said.

'Dragon Tattoo' cancelled in India over nudity

(AFP) - Sony Pictures will not release its blockbuster movie "The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo" in India after censors demanded that scenes showing "bare bottoms" be blurred.

The Hollywood film starring Daniel Craig about a journalist's search for a woman missing for 40 years was due to be released on February 10, but it ran into problems with India's Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

"Bare bottom and bare-breast scenes are not allowed in India," J.P. Singh, an official at CBFC, told AFP.

"We objected to several scenes in 'The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo' and wanted them to be blurred."

Sony Pictures in India acknowledged in a statement sent to AFP on Monday that it would not compromise on the

content of the film, which has grossed 185 million dollars worldwide.

"The Censor Board has adjudged the film unsuitable for public viewing in its unaltered form," the statement said.

"And while we are committed to maintaining and protecting the vision of the director, we will, as always, respect the guidelines set by the board."

The movie directed by David Fincher, whose previous hits include "Fight Club" and "The Social Network", is the first US interpretation of a hugely popular book series by late Swedish writer Stieg Larsson.

Over 1,700 foreign films are released in India every year after passing certification tests by India's powerful censor board.



Carnaval Schedule

Feb. 3 - Children's & Youth Queen Election - Aruba Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "S", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too

be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

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Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to

Church asks Pacquiao to be 'bible ambassador'



MANILA (AFP) - The influential Catholic church in the Philippines said Monday it had asked boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao to follow in the footsteps of NFL hero Tim Tebow and become a "bible ambassador".

Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, who presides over the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' (CBCP) bible ministry, said church leaders had approached Pacquiao with the idea, but received no feedback from the 32-year-old fighter.

"We asked him to partner with us in promoting the reading of the Bible among Catholics," David told reporters.

"We told him: 'You would

be a big help to us brother Manny', but he has not pledged his partnership yet."

He said Pacquiao could follow the example of the Philippine-born National Football League star Tebow, a devout Christian dubbed by some in the press as "God's quarterback."

"Tim Tebow became very popular by promoting the word of God," David said. "Some have referred to Manny Pacquiao as the Tim Tebow of the Philippines."

Tebow, born in Manila in 1987 to a Baptist missionary couple, has emerged as America's hottest football star with his come-from-behind heroics for the Broncos.

Tebow has been very vocal about his Christianity and recently pledged to help fund a \$3 million hospital in the southern Philippines.

Pacquiao is regarded as one of the greatest boxers in history, amassing a 54-3 win-loss record with two drawn bouts. He holds a record eight world titles in as many weight divisions.

Pacquiao, who is also a politician and recently elected

to the Philippines' lower house of parliament, often cites God as the source of his success, and wears a rosary around his neck before and after his fights.

But the ultra-rich sportsman has not escaped intrigue, and reports of him womanising and gambling have become rich tabloid fodder.

In an interview with Philippine TV station ABS-CBN this month, Pacquiao said he had recently renewed his faith and given up vices following an "encounter with God" during a dream.

In the dream, Pacquiao said he found himself in a forest, where a bright light shone, believed to be God, asking the fighter why he was veering away from Him.

"I woke up crying. I remember I was crying in my dream and when I touched my pillow, it was wet," he said.

"If I had died last year or in the last two years, I'm sure I would have gone straight to hell. My faith in Him was there, 100 percent, but behind it, after prayers, I would still do evil things."

Pacquiao said he now immersed himself in Bible study and spent more time when not in training with wife Jinkee and his four children, according to ABS-CBN.

Football: Juventus hit with another racism fine

ROME (AFP) - Juventus have been fined once again for racist chanting by their fans during Saturday's 2-1 victory against Udinese in Serie A.

Colombian wing-back Pablo Armero and Cape Verde-born Switzerland midfielder Gelson Fernandes were the victims of racist chanting during both the first and second half.

Juve have been hit with a 10,000-euro fine, the same amount they were docked in October after racist chanting during their win at Inter Milan.

The Old Lady of Turin's fans have a sorry record when it comes to racist chants as they regularly abused Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli -- an Italian of Ghanaian origin -- during his Inter days.

In 2008/09 Juve had to play a match behind closed doors after their fans racially abused Balotelli following a controversial incident during the team's clash with Inter.

That seemed to anger and

galvanise certain sections of the Juve support who proceeded to regularly target Balotelli, even when not playing against his team.

The next season the club was punished four times, including a partial stand closure once, for fans anti-Balotelli chants.

That season they were hit with 25,000-euro and 20,000-euro fines as well as the closure of the stand holding their 'Ultra' fans for one match, whereas this season the sanctions have been tame in comparison.

It's not just Juve involved in racist chanting, though as Cagliari and Brescia have also been fined for the same offence over the last couple of years.

Last season's Cagliari-Inter clash was briefly suspended due to such chants -- although the Sardinian club's then coach Pierpaolo Bisoli suggested afterwards that normal angry chants against an opponent's player, Samuel Eto'o, had been

mistaken for having a racial nature.

Balotelli was even abused by Italy fans when on international duty against Romania in a friendly in Austria in November 2010.

And he admitted to being hurt by the chants he suffered.

Back in 2007 before Manchester United played Roma in a Champions League match, Frenchman Louis Saha claimed he was expecting to be racially abused.

"We are travelling to Italy, and in those kind of places it seems like they are used to it. They don't fight it like we have done in England," said Saha, then of United but now at Everton.

"They are starting to recognise it and think about it, but not very strongly - whereas England is a good example of where it has been tackled."

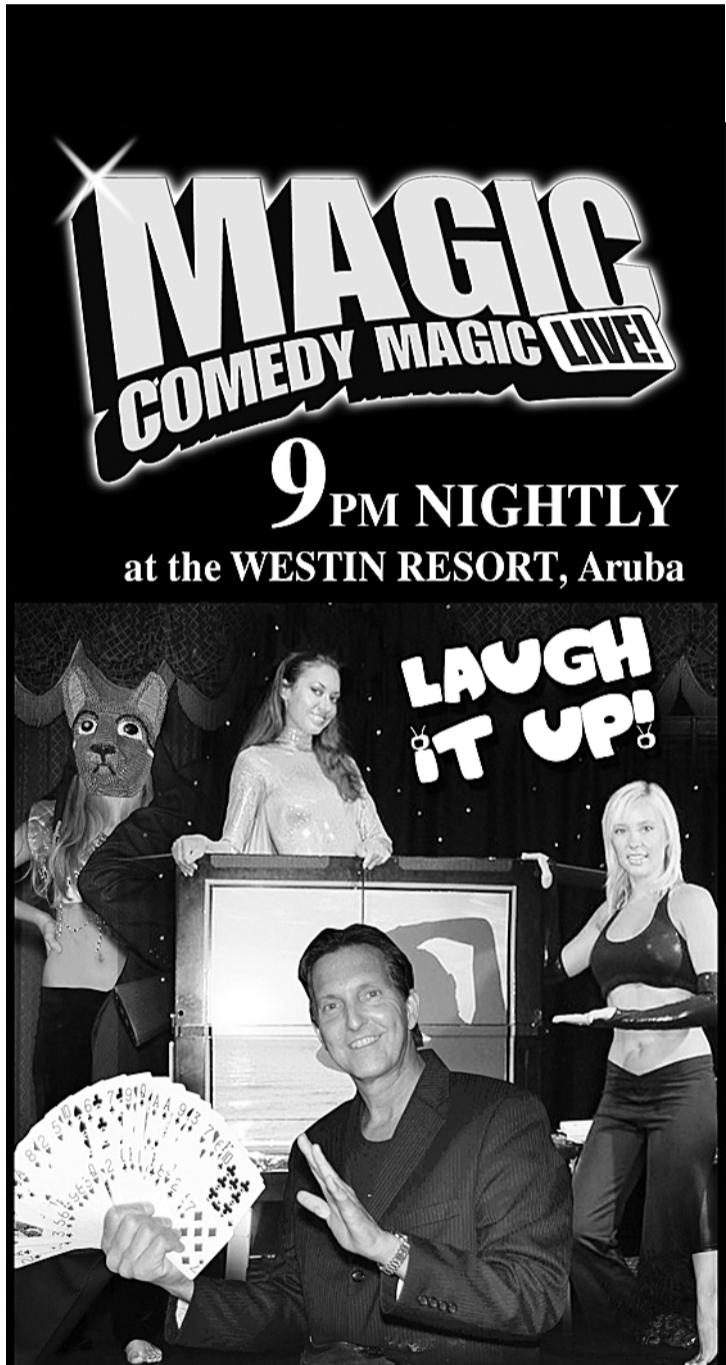
The next year former Celtic star Shunsuke Nakamura, who had played in Italy for Reggina, said racism in the country discouraged foreigners from moving to Serie A.

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Prime Minister Mike Eman breaks his old record and hits 10.16 on the drag strip



After high expectations about Prime Minister Eman's race at Palo Marga Raceway, it can now be said that he broke his own record on Friday night.

Friday night, Prime Minister Mike Eman, hit Palo Marga's drag strip, during the races organized by the 3G Racing team, behind the wheel of Deco's Racing Team's roadster, a car which can run 9.90. After a good burnout, Prime Minister Eman took off down the strip and put a new record to his name.

He broke his own record running the quarter mile in 10.16 seconds. The fans took to their feet to watch the race. Upon his return, the prime minister was warmly by fans as he got out of the car, with a big smile on his face. He was hugged by his wife Doina, who for sure was very nervous, according to the prime minister. In an interview upon his return, the prime minister said that his next challenge is to lower his time under 10 seconds and that he will prepare himself for that. For this year's race the Prime Minister got tips from the famous Doug Herbert, who has many titles to his name in the US as well as internationally.

Doug, now residing in Concord, NC, gives credit to his dad Chet, who is a NHRA Hall of Famer and Billy Williams, as having the biggest influence on his racing career.

In the Top Fuel Class, Doug has 10 IHRA National

Events wins and 20 NHRA National Events wins for a total of 30 National Event wins, which has led him to 4 IHRA World Championships as well as being the 2nd member of the 300 MPH Club. A former Eagle Scout and Pilot, Doug is building a car that he will race at the Bonneville Salt Flats with the goal of running 500 MPH, which will break the world land speed record.

Doug is presently the owner and operator of Doug Herbert Performance in Charlotte, North Carolina as well as the founder of B.R.A.K.E.S., Be Responsible And Keep Everyone Safe, an organization designed to prevent injuries and save lives by training and education teenage drivers and their families about the importance of safe and responsible driving, forming B.R.A.K.E.S. was a decision Doug made after tragically losing his sons, Jon and James in 2008 due to an automobile accident. Perseverance is what has made Doug a great racer and a Hall of Famer)

Doug's visit to Aruba was to check out the 3G Team Races as well as to explain his very successful program, in the US called B.R.A.K.E.S. that he runs to help young kids drive safely to the government since this government has safety for drivers, especially the youth at the top of their priority list.

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NFL: Brady chases history as Giants chase him

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - While Tom Brady is chasing Super Bowl history next Sunday, the New York Giants are going to be chasing him all over the gridiron.

How well the New England Patriots star quarterback eludes the pursuers and throws to his receivers will likely play a major role in whether or not Brady can match an all-time record with his fourth Super Bowl victory.

Brady will equal the Super Bowl quarterback record five starts of former Denver star John Elway. But can he equal the record of four victories of boyhood idol Joe Montana of San Francisco and Pittsburgh legend Terry Bradshaw?

"I haven't given much thought to any records. This game is more about the challenge the Giants give us," Brady said.

"It all comes down to preparation and going out there with confidence. We've had a couple of good days of practice trying to understand the Giants' defense. We've got to work hard on that this week."

The Patriots will face the Giants in Super Bowl 46 in a domed stadium at chilly Indianapolis, a rematch of the 2008 championship spectacle in which New York edged New England to deny the Patriots an unbeaten title run.

"I remember we lost and that still burns some of us," Patriots blocker Logan Mankins said. "We can learn a lot from that."

New England won the Super Bowl in 2002, 2004 and 2005, all under Brady's direction, just as the 2008 loss was, thanks in part to a Giants defensive unit that

kept Brady under pressure throughout the game.

"It has been a strength of their team for as long as I can remember," Brady said. "They really go after the passer."

"Any time you can limit the quarterback the time it takes to make accurate reads and accurate throws, it's much more challenging."

Brady threw for a personal-best 5,235 yards and 39 touchdowns this season, making the Patriots the top yardage gainers in American football by quickly analyzing and picking apart defensive schemes.

New York will counter with pass rushers Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora, whose job will be to make certain Brady does not have enough time to find his receivers.

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